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In the wake of last year's general election and when the gulf in our nation seems greater than ever, how would the Lord have us interact with people with whom we might disagree? How can we as Christ followers be faithful men and women who minister the redemptive love of Christ to those whose lives intersect ours?

There are no easy answers, but J.R. Briggs '01 tackles the subject in the cover story of this issue of *Taylor* in an essay dealing with the concept of *convicted civility*.

Graphic design student Peter Cho '17 created the image for the front cover of this issue of *Taylor* based on J.R.'s essay. It depicts the intersection of people whose shared commonality is that they bear the image of God. Our ideas and worldviews may be different, but we are loved by our Father in Heaven.

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"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

It was a rhetorical question that came from a fearful, cynical, and hardened heart. In the millennia since Cain murdered his own brother in a fit of jealous rage, humankind has continued in that spiral of anger, resentment, bitterness, and denial, inflicting wound upon wound on each other.

It is not just "them." It's me. One of the temptations I struggle with is the proud, delusional thought that I could do differently or better than Cain in and of myself. May God forgive me, because even if I have never murdered my own brother, murderous intent streams from my heart when my pride, fear, and jealousy cause me to lash out at others for offenses that are real or perceived. We have seen a lot of that in the past year.

The theme for our chapel services this year has been *Convicted Civility*, and together we have examined how to live with conviction in a drifting world while truly loving our brothers and sisters whether they share our faith or not. I am so grateful to my friend J.R. Briggs '01, whose thoughtful, winsome essay on how to engage with those whose perspectives are different from my own challenged and convicted my heart, and reminded me that the other person also is created in the image of God.

What might change in our lives if we ask God to help us see His sons and daughters as image bearers? In the case of Grant Hollis '04 and a number of his friends, being his brother's keeper meant coming to the aid of a friend and fellow student whose physical challenges threatened his ability to stay in school.

And finally, there is a story of a group of Taylor alumnae who intervened in the life of their friend to rescue her from an abusive spouse. They became her superheroes without capes. May we each have the courage and resolve to help when and where it is needed.

There are so many ways members of Taylor's extended community are loving and keeping their brothers and sisters, and we are always looking for more. You can reach me at magazine@taylor.edu.

We love because He first loved us.



James R. Garringer H'15
Editor



Taylor Achieves High National Rankings for Overseas Study and Service, Teacher Ed

Taylor University has been honored in two national surveys - one measuring the scope of international travel and service among college students, and the other ranking colleges and universities training future generations of teachers.

A newly released survey compiled by Washington D.C.-based National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) rates Taylor in the highest percentile of elementary teacher preparatory programs. In achieving the 99th percentile, Taylor was recognized for its strength in the categories Early Reading, Selection Criteria, and Elementary Content.

The NCTQ is a nonpartisan research and policy group committed to modernizing the teaching profession. In its survey, the NCTQ rated 875 undergraduate elementary teacher preparation programs nationwide. Joining Taylor at the top of the list was neighboring Purdue University, as well as Arizona State, Louisiana Tech, Texas A&M, and Dallas Baptist Universities,

CUNY Hunter College, and the Universities of Alaska Fairbanks, Arkansas, Houston, Mississippi, and Nebraska-Lincoln.

The *Open Doors* report - a survey associated with the U.S. Department of State that measures study abroad and international service learning trips from colleges and universities in the United States - ranked Taylor fourth nationally among baccalaureate colleges for the number of students who participated in an international short-term service or study experience.

Taylor also achieved a sixth place national ranking among baccalaureate colleges for the percentage of students who participated in either a service,


ministry or study abroad experience, and an eighth place ranking in the category *Total Number of Study Abroad Students: Top 40 Baccalaureate Colleges*.

University officials say that while all three *Open Doors* rankings are indicators of the vitality of Taylor's overseas study and service program, the eighth-place ranking for the overall number of students who travel and study abroad is significant because it compares Taylor with other baccalaureate schools that have larger student bodies.

Taylor students study and serve in 34 countries that include Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Greece, Honduras, India, Israel,

Mexico, Namibia, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and the United Kingdom.

The *Open Doors* report is recognized as a comprehensive information resource on American students studying abroad for academic credit from their home colleges. It is published by the Institute of International Education, an independent, not-for-profit organization with a network of over 1,200 member institutions. It is supported by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

The *Open Doors* and NCTQ honors come on the heels of Taylor's 10th consecutive number one ranking in the U.S. News & World Report category Best Regional Colleges. Taylor has also been highly ranked by Forbes, The Princeton Review, and Washington Monthly. 

Different Stories, Different Perspectives



Act Six Program promotes diversity, involvement, leadership

It is a group of students who study and work hard, are passionate about their hometowns, display promising leadership potential, and are serious about their faith – that is how Bria Howard describes the first class cohort of Act Six students at Taylor University.

The Act Six program was launched in 2002 by the Northwest Leadership Foundation in Tacoma, Wash., and has provided opportunities for hundreds of ethnically diverse, mostly first-generation, low-income students to enroll at colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest and in the Midwest. Taylor's first class of 14 Act Six students is finishing

its freshman year. Howard, Taylor's Act Six program director, says when the program reaches capacity in three years, she hopes to have between 50-60 Act Six students on campus.


The students cross the spectrum of interests and studies from political science, exercise science and psychology to English, math education and chemistry, said Howard. Some are members of Taylor's athletic teams and music groups, others are involved in Interclass Council (ICC), and one is relaunching Taylor's cheerleading team.

"The vision for Act Six is to bring diversity to campus, to bring different stories, different perspectives from students who aren't usually the students who come to Taylor," Howard said. "Our (Act Six) students typically are from urban settings. They are leaders in their communities, leaders in schools, their churches ... the point of it is to learn what we learn here at Taylor and impact the community in a positive way."

Act Six students are selected because of their academic accomplishments, potential and commitment to making a difference in their communities. Students are selected from a large pool of applicants, and those who receive the Act Six scholarship are then expected to be involved in service on campus, growth

in academics and faith, and expansion of leadership capabilities.

Stevanni McCray '20, a mathematics education major from Fishers, Ind., first heard of Taylor from her grandparents, Don and Cheryl (Helle '68) Jones '68. "Since I've been at Taylor, I've been doing things outside of my comfort zone. And I have been given opportunities to show my leadership and what I've learned from Act Six, especially in my wing," she said.

Kristina Rivera '20, an elementary education major from Chicago, Ill., heard about Taylor through the Act Six program. "I started looking online and saw the community and discipleship – they seemed real and honest," she said. "Then when I came to Taylor ... and saw that it wasn't just marketing and that they really lived this stuff out, and how it gets dirty and how they know it's not a perfect little bubble really attracted me to it. I was (thinking), 'If I don't get the scholarship, can I still come here? Because this is where I want to be.'" 

Taylor Receives \$100k Grant for Computer Virus Research, Launches Cybersecurity Major

Taylor University's Department of Computer Science and Engineering has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to perform computer virus research for the Advanced Technology Labs of Lockheed Martin. The work started in February and is expected to continue through October.

The grant coincides with Taylor's creation of a new major in cybersecurity, which began classes in the spring semester.

The Lockheed Martin project is led by Taylor faculty members **DR. DANNIE STANLEY**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, and **DR. ART WHITE**,

Professor of Computer Science and Engineering. Students in Taylor's spring cybersecurity course are participating in the research and three to five students will continue the project during the summer months.

"Our students will be engaged in open-ended inquiry and discovery during this course and as part of the grant," said Stanley. "It will be a great opportunity for our students as undergraduates to engage in scientific research that is normally reserved for graduate students at numerous other universities."

Lockheed Martin specializes in aerospace and defense, energy and space, and global technologies, and is headquartered in Bethesda, Md.

"The timing of the award is wonderful because our computer science department has just introduced additional cybersecurity courses, including a course about reverse engineering computer

viruses and other code, and the research fits in beautifully with the new cybersecurity major," said Dr. Stefan Brandle, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Taylor.


Housed in Taylor University's Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the new Computer Science/Cybersecurity major is designed to meet the curricular and learning outcome standards of the Association for Computing Machinery and the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD). It builds on a legacy of past cybersecurity work done in the department by Taylor students and faculty.


Taylor officials say graduates of the new program will enter a job market that is reported to have an estimated 209,000 unfilled positions in the United States and more than one million worldwide. 


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FACULTY RESEARCH CAFFEINE'S IMPACT, ESL PROGRAMS, SATELLITES

DR. DAWN ANDERSON (Kinesiology) presented *Caffeine and Anaerobic Performance: What We Know and Why We Don't Know More* at the International Society of Sport Nutrition Conference.

DR. ROBERT ARONSON (Environmental Science, Public Health, and Sustainable Development) supervised five students who traveled to Namibia for a follow-up to earlier data collection for the evaluation of *Genesis Design*, a program advocating sexual purity and abstinence before marriage, for Christ's Hope International.

DR. MATT DELONG (Mathematics) published *Mastery Problems Promote Polished Proofs in Abstract Algebra in Beyond Lecture: Techniques to Improve Student Proof-Writing Across the Curriculum*.

DR. SCOTT GAIER (Academic Enrichment Center) and MAHE students Alex Crist and Emilie Hoffman were awarded the 2016 NASPA Region IV-E Research and Assessment Grant for their research titled *Cognitive Maturity in Learning Assessment*.

DR. MIKE GUEBERT (Environmental Science, Public Health, and Sustainable Development) supervised six

students on summer practicums at an animal care center in Seattle, the San Francisco Zoo, environmental consulting in Muncie, heirloom seed production in Missouri, and sustainable agriculture in Nepal.

DR. DAN HAMMOND (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and **GEORGE GRAY '18** collaborated on a project titled *Immunochemiluminescence Detection of Chicken Muscle Lactate Dehydrogenase Using DSLR Camera*. This work was funded by a \$6,900 grant from the Faculty Mentored Undergraduate Scholarship (FMUS) program and \$5,000 grant from the Women's Giving Circle.

DR. KEVIN JOHNSON (History) presented research titled *Lost and Found: The Journey of a New Kingdom Sarcophagus from Antiquity to the Present* in October at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

PROFESSOR RENATA KANTARUK (TESOL) networked with local nonprofits, including United Way of Grant County, to better connect the ESL (English as a Second Language) Tutoring Center to existing community services. She directs an ESL Tutoring Program in Marion and serves as liaison and faculty advisor to a student-run ESL program in Marion Public Schools.

DR. PETER KRENZKE (Physics and Engineering) was on a team of researchers that presented *Producing Solar Syngas via the Partial Oxidation of Methans-Ceria Redox Cycle: Conversion, Selectivity, and Efficiency* at the 2016 ASME 10th International Conference on Energy Sustainability.

DRS. TOM NURKKALA (Computer Science and Engineering), **KEN KIERS** (Physics and Engineering) and **PHIL COLLINS '82** (Center for Scripture Engagement) designed and began development of a web application to support online communities in engaging Scripture. Their goal is to unveil an initial version on campus this spring and eventually worldwide through Bible Gateway.

DR. DEREK THOMPSON (Mathematics) presented *A Journey Towards Specifications Grading* at Mathfest, Columbus, Ohio, on August 3-6.

DRS. HANK VOSS (Physics and Engineering emeritus), **ART WHITE** and **STEFAN BRANDLE** (Computer Science and Engineering) presented *Globalstar Link: From Reentry Altitude and Beyond* at the AIAA/USU Conference on Small Satellites.

Calling and Career Reports a 98% Career Placement Success Rate for the Class of 2016

Taylor University's Class of 2016 reached a 98 percent success rate, according to a forthcoming report from Taylor University's Calling and Career Office (CCO). The report is based on survey results from 388 members of the 2016 graduating class.

According to the results, six months after graduation, 60 percent of the class had obtained full-time employment, eight percent were in a post-graduate internship, 22 percent had started full-time graduate studies, and eight percent had part-time employment. This year's numbers are similar to last year's, with a slight uptick in the number of graduates continuing their education and a four percent increase in post-graduate internships.

Jeff Aupperle, Director of CCO and the Promising Ventures program, credited graduates landing one- and two-year fellowships for


the increase in post-graduate internships. Recent years have seen Taylor graduates becoming fellows with the National Institutes of Health and the competitive, Indianapolis-based Orr Fellowship.

Taylor's statistics are significantly higher than the most recent national average of an 84 percent (83.9) overall success rate, with 54 (54.1) percent full-time employment and 18 (17.7) percent continuing education.

According to a June 2016 report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), private not-for-profit institutions consistently outperform public institutions. Only 51.4 percent of public institutions' 2015 graduates, according to NACE's report, obtained full-time employment six months after graduation, compared to 57.6 percent of the same class from private, not-for-profit institutions and 64 percent of Taylor's Class of 2015.

CCO uses the graduate data to identify and develop relationships with employers, and strategize how to better serve current students and recent graduates. "Sometimes, we'll hear from a student and they really didn't feel like they had the support that they needed," Aupperle said. "We're not just here for you as a student. We're here for you as an (alumnus)."

In recent years, CCO has prioritized connecting with companies and organizations that have hired Taylor students as interns or full-time employees.

"When a student comes into our office, we don't just jump on LinkedIn or pull up an alumni database," Aupperle said. "More and more - when a student says this is what I think God is calling me to do - we're able to say, 'Hey, we know somebody who's already doing something a little bit like that.' ... In our experience, when we're able to connect a student to a person and make that connection, as opposed to giving them a job description or link, that really makes a difference." 

If you would like to connect with current Taylor students in the job or internship search, contact the CCO at callingandcareer@taylor.edu or (765) 998-5382.

▣ **UNSTOPPABLE** Sophomore Kendall Bradbury powers to the basket between two Indiana Wesleyan defenders. Bradbury reached the 1,000-point mark just 50 games into her college career - faster than any woman in Taylor basketball history. For the season, she averaged 21.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. Nine times, she scored at least 25 points, and she passed the 30-point mark four times. Bradbury also was named to the Crossroads League first team at season's end after being named Player of the Week five times.



SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

TWO STUDENT-ATHLETES HELP THE HOMELESS THROUGH THEIR STARTUP BUSINESS.

“Most of them are a victim of circumstance,” said **KEATON HENDRICKS '18**. “The wrong decision is made and it’s led them to where they’re at. A lot of it is divorce and addiction ... A lot of them have [criminal] records.”

Hendricks, a business major and member of the Taylor men’s basketball team, learned about the needs of the homeless in high school when he volunteered at a seasonal shelter in Bloomington, Ind. Last fall, with friend and teammate **ERIC CELLIER '17**, he launched Sky Footwear, a sock company that follows the buy-one, give-one model. For every pair of socks sold, another pair is given to the homeless through Sky Footwear’s partner shelter of the month. The business has been successful so far, donating more than 1,460 pairs of socks to shelters in Indianapolis, Bloomington, Toledo, and Milwaukee.

When Hendricks came to Taylor as a freshman, he already had a successful business: XLSneaker Sale, which sold refurbished Air Jordan sneakers online. But he didn’t see the business as a long-term endeavor.

“I felt like there was something more that I could do,” he said. “I wanted to make ... a social impact.”

Before returning to Taylor his sophomore year, Hendricks sold the rest of the sneakers and set his sights on a new startup.


“I didn’t know what I was going to do at that point,” he said. “I just knew that I was capable of starting something, and I knew that the mission was going to be to help the homeless.”

He approached Cellier, who’d expressed interest in helping with the previous business, and asked him to come on board. Right away, Cellier bought into the new vision, and soon the pair was making plans, trying to decide what to sell and what to donate. They learned that socks are the number one requested item for homeless shelters and, noticing a trend surrounding socks with unique designs, they identified a business opportunity that made sense with their mission.

Sky Footwear launched officially on August 20. A

month later, Hendricks and Cellier traveled to Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis to personally hand out their first donation of more than 250 pairs of socks.

Sky Footwear has spread Hendricks’ passion for the homeless – not just to those who buy the socks, but to Cellier, the company’s cofounder, as well.

“Before I did this, it was normal almost to see homeless people and just walk on by,” Cellier said. “Now I see them, I want to talk with them, hear their story ... I’ve really learned a different side of compassion – how to love others, not just that I’m close with or similar to, but trying to reach out more to people that ... have different interests or get overlooked.” 



Eric Cellier

Keaton Hendricks

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

BY AMY PETERSON

It was late spring 2004 near the end of my first year teaching English in Southeast Asia.

As I rode my electric motorbike away from the university where I worked, I hoped that a night at the seaside would refresh me for the end of a long and hectic semester. Dusty gray streets soon gave way to rice fields, bright and young, lining the road to the coast, and as I picked up speed, the wind brought relief from unrelenting heat.

Another motorbike pulled up next to mine. The driver, like all women in the country where I lived, was wearing long sleeves, long pants, a hat and a scarf across her face to protect her from the sun. She pulled the scarf down, revealing a wide smile.

“Hello!” said the smiling woman.

“Hi,” I replied, trying to hide my annoyance. I was trying to be alone. But in that part of the country, many locals had never seen a foreigner, and they always wanted to talk with me.

“My name’s Leigh!” she exclaimed. “You American?” I answered I was, hoping the conversation would end quickly. And a moment later, it did.

“Oh! That my house,” she said, slowing to turn, and pointing to a small wooden house on a cement slab in a sea of rice plants and palm trees. “I invite you to my home!” she said. I thanked her but waved good-bye.

Checking into my hotel, I asked the proprietors to plug in my electric motorbike so that it would be fully charged for my drive home the next morning. Then I grabbed my books and journal and headed to the beach.

After a day and a night spent in quiet and prayer, I was ready to return to campus and finish the semester. But halfway home, my motorbike began to lose speed. Soon I was crawling along at no more than four kilometers per hour, and I realized that the hotel proprietors had not, in fact, left my motorbike plugged in all night. It was out of juice.

I looked around. There was not a person in sight, just a haze of green heat and the buzz of mosquitos. Still nearly ten kilometers from town, I was in trouble: even if another person came by eventually, it’s not like they could bring me a gallon of gas. I didn’t need gas; I needed an outlet.

And then I realized something: at the very moment my motorbike was dying, I was passing Leigh’s house. The woman who had introduced herself

to me the day before lived in the middle of this very rice field. I turned down the dirt path toward the small home of the exuberant stranger.

Leigh was happy to see me, and she was happy to let me plug into an outlet. Now that I saw her off of her motorbike, I realized she was pregnant and probably only a few years older than I was. Leigh invited me to sit down and pulled out a hairy coconut and a machete. Fascinated and a little scared, I watched as the petite pregnant woman split the coconut in half and poured its juice into two glasses. With our limited knowledge of each other’s languages, we spent an hour in conversation. Thanks to her generosity, I eventually made my way home.

In the twelve years since I was nearly stranded on a stretch of rice field in Southeast Asia, I’ve often thought

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back to this moment as emblematic of the great hospitality that was consistently offered to me there. I was a stranger in desperate need; I was unable to demonstrate my trustworthiness, unable to prove that I deserved help, and unable to offer compensation, yet I was warmly welcomed and cared for.


The way that I was welcomed when I was a stranger in Southeast Asia sparked in me a desire to extend the same kind of hospitality when I returned to the States. As I've practiced and studied hospitality over the last decade, I've come

to realize that it is not about hosting perfectly planned parties in immaculate households with sumptuous snacks. Instead, hospitality is a posture of the heart. Hospitality means being emotionally, physically, spiritually open to strangers.

Hospitality of this sort has always been fundamental to the identity of God's people. The Israelites knew what it meant to be aliens in a foreign land. Their experience of vulnerability was key to their welcome of others. "You shall not oppress a stranger," the law given to Moses commanded. "You know the heart of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). Hospitality was recognized as a sacred duty throughout the ancient eastern world, but for Israel it was also explicitly legislated. Love for the stranger and love for the neighbor were commands on equal footing (Leviticus 19). And sometimes, in Old Testament stories, strangers bore messages from God (Genesis 18, for example).

In the New Testament, one of the Greek words used for hospitality (*philoxenia*) literally means "love of strangers," and Paul (Romans 12:13), Peter (1 Peter 4:9), and the author of Hebrews (Hebrews 13:2) all call for Christians to practice it. Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats tells us that He Himself sometimes comes to us in the guise of a stranger (Matthew 25:35).

Practicing hospitality is a tangible way to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need; and the need to welcome the lonely and displaced is great. We live in a fragmented society. Fewer individuals are getting married, and fewer young people are committing to churches, leading to a higher sense of isolation for many. Beyond that, we live in a time with the highest levels of displacement on record — 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from their homes.

Nearly 34,000 people are forcibly displaced every day in our world as a result of conflict or persecution. God calls us to offer the same kind of hospitality that Leigh offered me on a deserted road by a rice field so long ago: a love for the stranger, grounded in the truth that we are all humans created in the image of God, worthy of love and care. 

Amy Peterson is an adjunct professor and Assistant Director of Honors Programming. Her book *Dangerous Territory: My Misguided Quest to Save the World* (Discovery House, 2017) is available now.



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AFTER THE ELECTION:
LIVING OUT CONVICTED
CIVILITY IN OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY

BY J.R. BRIGGS '01

No matter who we voted for in the recent presidential election, we all felt at least a little bit bruised in its aftermath. Now that we have passed through one of the most divisive election years in modern American history and seen a new President take office, how are we as Christians to move forward with faith, hope and love? The phrase “Convicted Civility,” popularized by Christian thinkers Martin Marty and Richard Mouw, captures the heart of the Christian posture of faithful presence in our world today.

Few books of the Bible give a more compelling picture of convicted civility than the Old Testament Book of Daniel. Daniel and his God-following friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, lived in exile in a foreign land that did not honor Yahweh. Yet, in the midst of the political tension, moral ambiguity, cultural conflict and widespread uncertainty, these young men remained faithful to God. In light of their witness and posture in the ancient world, what can we learn from the lives of Daniel and his friends, and how do we embrace and embody convicted civility as followers of Jesus in 2017?

WE MUST LIVE BY OUR CONVICTIONS

Daniel and his friends never saw themselves as victims or doormats. They were bold, yet remained respectful. We are not called to be pushovers. We stand for what is right in accordance with the Scriptures, through our interaction with the Spirit and with other wise followers of Jesus. There is no sure-fire manual with which we can apply all issues, decisions and conversations. What is needed is wisdom and discernment. Yes, the inspired Scriptures guide our lives, but they are not a step-by-step, paint-by-number, quick-reference almanac to guide our everyday decisions. One of my frequently repeated prayers is, “Lord, give me equal measures of wisdom and courage,” because wisdom without courage is riskless, courage without wisdom is reckless, but wisdom and courage together is priceless. Rick Warren said, “A lie doesn’t become the truth, wrong doesn’t become right, and evil doesn’t become good, just because it’s accepted by a majority.” Christians are to stand by, with and for the Truth.

WE MUST BE CIVIL IN DOING SO

The Apostle Paul in Galatians 5 lists the fruit of the Spirit - the evidence that the Holy Spirit is actively at work in our lives. Two of those fruits are kindness and self-control. The late Chuck Colson once said, "The obligation to show respect for others does not come from a soft sentimentalism, but is rooted in the theological truth that we are all created in the image of God." Our civility comes from this theological conviction. Similarly, C.S. Lewis wrote, "Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. When understood properly, other people should be able to look at you after a discussion, debate or disagreement and say, 'I adamantly disagree with you, but I am deeply grateful that you have respected me through the process.'"

WE ARE CALLED TO RESPECT OUR GOVERNMENT, BUT WORSHIP OUR KING

During the election, many of us exercised our right to vote, and did so with wisdom and conviction. Yet, we should never look to our candidates as saviors or models of morality. They are vehicles of change, but they are not rescuers. Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, "Seek

the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." We are subjects of the Kingdom of God before we are Americans, and the command given more than any other in the Scriptures is "do not fear." We live in a culture that preys upon people's fears. The political machine thrives on making people scared, and when we are fearful and feel unsafe, we can become unkind. Yes, there are issues, wars, poverty, racism, and other complex situations that require attention, concern and care, but we do not need to be afraid.

HOW MATTERS

The Puritans had a wonderful phrase: "God loveth adverbs." How we do things matters. The right thing done the wrong way can easily become the wrong thing. The Apostle Peter wrote, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." What we say reveals what we believe, but how we say it reveals what we value.

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As great as the phrase “Convicted Civility” is, the truth is as Christians we are called to be more than civil. We are to be known and marked by our love, kindness, humility and compassion. Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Jesus’ aim was never mere tolerance, but radical compassion. It’s not how we treat others who are just like us – Jesus said that was easy to do! It’s how we treat others who aren’t like us at all. That’s what matters, and Jesus said this will be the way in which we will be known: for our love.

Dallas Willard said, “One of the hardest things in the world is to be right and not hurt other people with it.” In this time in our nation’s history, one of the most counter-cultural ways a follower of Jesus can live is to humanize those who are different than you. We must practice intentional sacred hypocrisy, where we concentrate on our own sinfulness and the other person’s humanness. Doing this will bring a humility and a dignity to your conversations with others. To possess convicted civility is to speak respectfully of someone who is different than us in the same manner when they are absent as when they are standing in front of us.

DISAGREE WITHOUT DISENGAGING

As Christians, let us make a commitment that we won’t run away from others simply because someone thinks differently than us. True biblical community is not the absence of conflict; it is the presence of Jesus in the midst of the conflict. And when we fail to live with convicted civility, may we be the first to admit it. May we be the first to confess, ask for forgiveness, and show humility in making things right as people of reconciliation.

And finally, when it comes to convicted civility, above all be F.A.T. Christians – faithful, available, teachable. As Christians, may we be faithful to God and to our convictions. May we be available to the Spirit and to others. And may we possess a teachable spirit – filled with humility in all that we say, do, think and feel. When we steward faithful presence well by embodying this convicted civility, the world will begin to see that love truly is our motivation. 

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BY JAMES R. GARRINGER H'15

Superheroes, Minus the Capes

One of her friends noticed it right away. There were bruises on her arms – bruises from the grip of a hand. Even after several days, they were still easy to see. She had traveled to Florida for a mid-winter reunion with friends from her Taylor years. It was supposed to have been a time of refreshment and fun. But she was broken. The bruises were an external indicator of the turmoil in her life. The rest of her friends noticed the decisive, gregarious and outgoing person they had come to love during their years as Taylor University students had been replaced by someone who was fearful, timid and broken. When she confessed to them that the beatings by her then-husband had been going on for some time, their first response was sorrow. Their second response changed her life.

There are several reasons we are not using this person's name - safety being chief among them. But there is also the sorrow and humiliation, along with inevitable questions that come from the best of intentions but only make the pain greater.

How could you not have seen this coming?

She did not marry a person from Taylor. She had been out of school for several years and built a successful career when he came into her life. He was clever and witty. He seemed tender and thoughtful, and most important, he shared her faith. After a romance during which no warning signs ever surfaced, they were married. In the months after their wedding, there were the predictable hiccups that come when two people start life together, but overall, everything seemed fine.

In retrospect, the abuse started innocuously. She remembers those early, somewhat unpleasant conversations when he would tell her that things she had done had hurt him. She had not intended to hurt his feelings; she

loved him, and so she apologized. But as time passed, those conversations turned into lectures and became more frequent and confrontational. Sometimes, she would apologize in hopes that it would just stop. But it did not stop, and when the baby came, his mood turned darker and more frightening.

"When the physical abuse started, it began with him putting too much pressure on my arms, leaving fingerprint bruises. He wouldn't let me sleep but insisted I get up and listen to him rant. If I begged to get back in bed, I was being an unsupportive wife and didn't care about our marriage," she said. "The abuse continued to escalate to slaps across the face, hair being pulled, being pinned to the floor under him, held against the wall, and water poured over my head to get a reaction. He mocked me as I cried, took my phone and car keys and said I would never leave with the baby."

She had increasingly looked forward to the trip to Florida, not only to reunite with her college friends, but to get away from him. The night before she left, he beat her so severely that she realized

he was eventually going to kill her.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), a woman in the United States is assaulted or beaten every nine seconds. Roughly 20 people are abused by intimate partners every minute, adding up to more than 10 million abuse victims each year. Further, the NCADV states that one in three women and one in four men have been abused by a partner, with one in five women and one in seven men having been severely abused. Abuse victims often report they love the abuser and consider the abuse a normal part of the relationship. Some fear what the person will do to himself or herself if they leave. Others fear what more the person will do to them.

When she and her child arrived at the reunion, she had more than 20 bruises that had been inflicted by her husband. There were tears and prayers. And after that, they helped her understand that she could never go back.

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"And they were actively available for me because at Taylor we were taught to invest in each other," she added. "I can never explain what they did for us, but I hope they know that they were our lifeline. There was no judgment in their actions - only care, concern, love and support. It was precisely what I needed. They helped me see that I couldn't risk going back even though I felt torn

and that I was giving up on my marriage. In all reality, I had to leave. He would have eventually killed me at the rate the abuse was increasing."

Today, she and her child are rebuilding their lives. The bruises are gone, but there will always be scars. Loud noises lead to anxiety and she still has trouble sleeping, but she says her life is no longer a nightmare.

"Our life now is beautiful and full of possibilities," she said. "I have been spared to tell the story, to raise my sweet child in a safe place, and to give back if possible to prevent domestic violence from being part of anyone else's narrative.

"I have to thank Taylor for not only providing a remarkable education but also for the environment created there that set the stage for true friendship and connection," she continued. "My friends saved my life, and I'm exceedingly grateful for each day." ■

If you or a loved one are in an abusive relationship, contact The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233.





LEARNING TO BE A CARETAKER

BY GRANT HOLLIS '04

I first met my soon-to-be roommate, Ross Ringenberg '05, when he entered the first floor of Bergwall Hall at Taylor University. It was freshman move-in day. He was using a walker, and he was smiling so big. Taylor was a new place, a new situation, a new season, and he was ready for all of it.

Enrolling at Taylor was a bit of an experiment for Ross. At the age of 8, he started experiencing physical challenges, which eventually led to an especially trying season of life without the use of his limbs. However, through a variety of treatments, he was able to walk with the use of a walker. Still, how would Ross do on his own?

After the first week of classes, we all traveled to Holland, Mich., for the floor retreat. We had planned to go hang out on a private beach on the shores of Lake Michigan; however, to get to that beach, we needed to climb up one side of a very steep sand dune only to climb down the other side, which was equally steep. Our PA, Ben Wickstra '03, recognized the challenge this presented to Ross, so before we left, Ben presented Ross with a crazy idea: he could procure a large PVC pipe sled, and we could pull him over the dune. Ross' eyes got big. He looked off into the distance, but then got a wry smile on his face and said, "Let's try it."

When we arrived, Ross looked up at the dune, looked at the sled, looked back up at the dune and said, "Here we go." We strapped him on, grabbed the rope, and slowly and surely pulled him up and over the dune. No one was left behind. Ross would see Lake Michigan, too, and we all had a great time.

That event set the tone for Ross's time at Taylor. When Ross was involved, you worked to include him. You just did. His spirit of adventure was bigger than ours, so he was up for trying whatever it took to be included - no matter how unconventional it was.

For four years, Ross (wearing a Five Iron Frenzy t-shirt and a spikey bracelet) was regularly seen speeding around campus on his

scooter - often with blue hair, or with a mohawk, or even with a blue mohawk. It really just depended on the day. For his birthday his sophomore year, we organized a surprise party at a Thai restaurant during which all who attended had green hair except him. I can still see him shaking his head at the absurdity of it all.

Regularly, when he returned from his adventures around campus, he would find me exhausted in front of my computer, desperately working on yet another programming assignment late into the night. This would lead him to play Bob Marley's *Don't Worry, Be Happy*, and when it finished, he would serenade me with a chorus of, "go to sleep, go to sleep, go to sleep," until I eventually gave in. I have never had anyone advocate so consistently for my sleep.

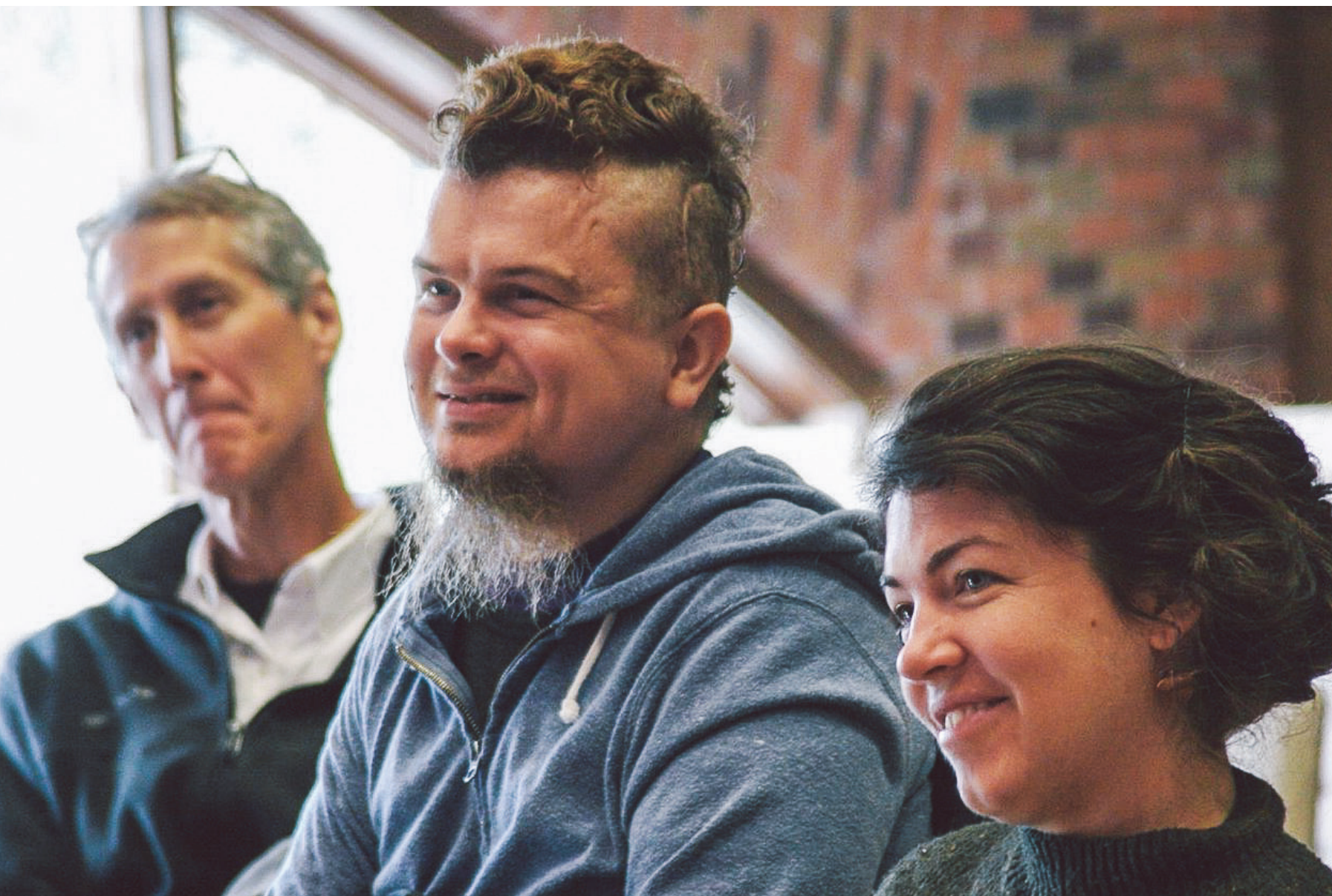
At the beginning of his senior year (when he was PA of the first floor of Bergwall Hall), Ross fell and hit his head, leading to a trip to the emergency room. He returned from the hospital to signs that said, "Welcome Back, Ross!" and Dining Commons mints on his pillow. However, his strength began to decline, and after serious conversations, Ross and his family decided that he needed to take a big step back from being independent. He needed help getting into and out of bed, getting dressed, getting onto his scooter, and doing many other things that he previously didn't need help doing. Consequently, he approached the guys on the floor and explained that he was going to need daily care to simply do life or else he would need to withdraw.

As a result, the guys on the floor decided they wanted to take turns helping him. It was a commitment that lasted nearly all of his senior year. One got him up in the morning

and took him through the shower, and then another one dressed him. Another would do his hair and get him on his scooter. Others would take him to/from meals at the DC. A few more would get him undressed and tucked into bed. If anyone needed to miss a turn, he simply communicated to the other guys to make sure someone covered for him.

Those of us who provided "Ross-care" grew closer to Ross and to each other. Ross had a certain gravity to him that pulled people together in a way that deepened your relationship with everyone along the way. It was as if in joining him on his journey you were joining a large network of people that loved Ross and were

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loved by Ross, and we all came away with a deeper understanding of what it meant to be a part of God's community.

My world began to be filled with stories of community done well – both by Ross loving, serving, and fostering his community and by his community loving, serving, and encouraging Ross. I was humbled. I was loved. I became more whole.

On December 6, 2016, Ross died peacefully in the presence of family. A few days later, many of us who

had been close to Ross during college traveled to Elkhart, Ind., for a memorial service at Ross's church. We recounted the stories of the adventures each had been having with Ross since college. He would travel to North Carolina with one, visit Philadelphia with another, and vacation in Scotland with others. His energy and excitement for the unique was contagious, and he would regularly transform each trip to include one of the craziest things he could find happening in the area at the time and bring you along for the ride. From dining at a Jamaican

vegan restaurant to attending a Christian Anarcho-Primitivism gathering, we all had stories to tell – stories of Ross taking us on deeply memorable adventures.

I thank Taylor for being a place where I could meet Ross and see him thrive, and I thank Ross for taking such good care of me and letting me take care of him. 

Editor's note: Ross Ringenberg's family thanks the community at Bergwall Hall and the wider Taylor campus whose assistance made Ross' 2005 graduation a reality.





► FLEETING BEAUTY

Although it was a mild winter throughout the Midwest, the Taylor campus was able to experience the transformative beauty of snow on a couple of occasions.

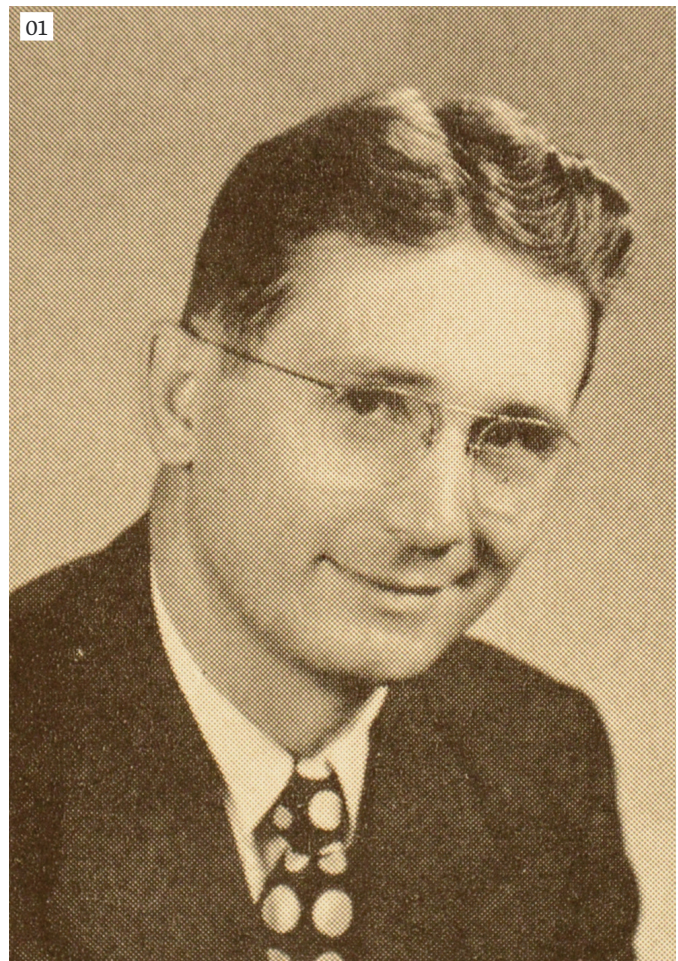
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1951

01 **Rev. Dillon Laffin** turned 100 years old on November 4, 2016. He celebrated with both his family and church family on November 6.



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1959

Tom and Judith (Kenyon) Branks recently completed 55 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators, working on a translation of the New Testament for the Guambiano people of Colombia.

02 Sherry (Perkins) Gormanous and Cleo (Murdoch) Purdy enjoyed a short reunion in Chicago. Cleo traveled from Mission Viejo, Calif., to Kenilworth, Ill., to spend time with her freshman roommate and the two saw the city and spent time reminiscing. Pictured are: Donna Wood, Cleo and Sherry.

1960

Dr. Ben Sprunger has been appointed Interim President of Hesston College, Kansas.

1962

Beverly (Horn) Zell has retired from teaching in the Bedford North Lawrence Schools, Bedford, Ind. Before that, and before she had her five children, she taught in Tipton County and also in Kokomo. She enjoys traveling to visit her 12 grandchildren.

1964

Julienne (Mohammed) Johnson has been a full-time artist since 2010 and her work has been exhibited more than 50 times. Before returning to art school for mixed media art, she was nominated for a Grammy for "Best Contemporary Soul Gospel" in 2009. Julienne's poetry has been published in the US as well as the UK. Through her art she is able to share her faith, which is special as she is a first generation Christian from a Muslim family.

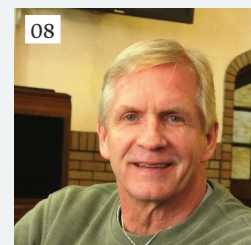
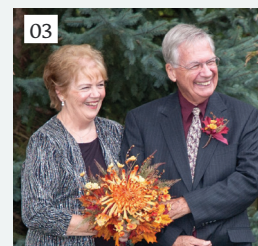
03 Tom Schlee '63 and Marcy (Minks) Mays, former classmates, were married September 24, 2016. Tom and his late wife, **Sue (Mighells)**, and Marcy and her late husband David had been friends for the past 55 years. About 70 family and friends celebrated the garden wedding ceremony at the home of friends in Indianapolis.

1966

04 Onley Heath has completed work on his vintage 1949 Mercury. After retiring from educational administration in Sugarcreek, Ohio, he spent 10 years completing the customization and restoration of this unique automobile.

1970

05 Dwight Kay and Jim Cochran visited the Illinois State House of Representatives where Dwight serves as a representative from Glen Carbon, Ill.



1973

06 Steven McPhail and his wife Darla live in Upland, Ind. This year marks Steve's 30th anniversary working as a storyteller in character as Johnny Appleseed at various festivals and events across the Midwest, including the Indiana State Fair. They are proud to have raised their kids Matthew, Kendra and Tara near the Taylor campus.

Robert Krumroy has published his tenth book, *Social Capital Matters, A Step Beyond Digital Marketing*. Bob built one of the 100 largest insurance investment firms in America, retired in 1998, started a marketing firm focused on the financial industry, and today owns the largest patented ISP provider utilized by life insurance companies. He is a well-known speaker working throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Australia, Dubai and the United Kingdom. He resides in Greensboro, N.C.

Donald T. Williams has just published his tenth book, *Deeper Magic: The Theology Behind the Writings of C. S. Lewis*. A complete survey and critique of the theology that lies behind the popular apologetics and the Narnia books, *Deeper Magic* was called "a marvel" by Lewis scholar Diana Glycer. A frequent speaker at Taylor's Frances W. Ewbank Colloquium on C. S. Lewis and Friends, Williams is a R.A. Forrest Scholar at Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa Falls, Ga., and past president of the International Society of Christian Apologetics.

1975

07 Roy Finkenbine was recently elected Chair of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission, the state commission charged with promoting the history, site recognition and heritage tourism development related to the Underground Railroad. He currently is Professor of History and Director of the Black Abolitionist Archive at the University of Detroit Mercy.

1976

08 Kevin Butcher is the lead pastor of Hope Community Church of Detroit, a messy fellowship of human beings from every kind of racial, economic, educational and spiritual background imaginable, who all have one thing in common: they own their emptiness and pursue healing through the love of God in Jesus Christ. Kevin is also an author and has written a book, *Choose and Choose Again*, which was released in October 2016. He has written numerous articles and has spoken around the world. He is married to **Carla (Stump '80)** and has three adult daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandchildren.

SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE LIVES OF TAYLOR ALUMNI



1977

09 David and Karen (French '75) McMahon received The Spirit of the Community award from the Cadillac, Mich., Area Chamber of Commerce in August 2016. It marked the first time the award was presented to a couple and honored their service in the community through ministries and programs of the First Baptist Church of Cadillac, where David has served as pastor for the past 35 years. A citation of appreciation was presented on behalf of Governor Rick Snyder by State Representative Phil Potvin. David plans to retire from his pastoral post on April 30, 2017.

Dr. Gordon and Ginny (Van Treuren) Pritz have lived in Georgia since 1979. Gordon will retire in May 2017 after a career in education that spanned 40 years. He has served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Douglas County School District (Atlanta, Ga.) for the last seven years and was a finalist for Georgia Superintendent of the Year in 2017. Gordon served as a teacher and coach (football/wrestling) for the first 18 years of his career. During 15 years as head wrestling coach, his teams won eight state championships (seven consecutive) in the largest classification. Fifty of his athletes placed at the state level, including 24 state champions, five All Americans and one Olympian. He was inducted into the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982 and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004. Ginny has served as a physical education paraprofessional since raising their four children. They have two grandchildren, ages three and one. Gordon and Ginny are looking forward to their Class of 1977 Homecoming Reunion in October.

1980

10 All seven SEED Partners from the Class of 1980, pictured from left to right: **Curt Lundquist, Brent Dawes, Don Robinson, Garry Dyer, Dan Pederson, Mike "Pup" Greenwood** and **Mark Soderquist** gathered for a wedding in Barrington, Ill. These men have met regularly for 30-plus years and have enjoyed decades of friendship since their graduation from Taylor. Their legacy continues with 10 "Seedling" Taylor students plus three "Seedling" Taylor spouses.

1981

Nancy Cusumano has passed the state boards and is now a registered nurse.

11 A group of alumni gathered for their annual Taylor Reunion golf and campus visit. They enjoyed attending chapel, touring the Campus Center, eating Chick-fil-A for lunch, and getting Ivanhoe's. Front L-R: **Zane Huffman, Gary Joe Huffman '82, Frank Grotenhuis, Teil Buroker, Jay Redding, John "Boy" Wilson Jr. '79.** Back L-R: **Berry Huffman '77, Geoff Ames, Jay Avery II, Bob Engle, Jay Avery III, Phil Price '78, Jay Tyree '79 and Kurt Jaderholm '78.**

1987

12 Sharon (Wit) Heggeland, Sheila (Pitts) Weiland and Stacey (Moore '86) Humbaugh gathered in February 2016 to celebrate the wedding of Sheila's daughter in Chicago.

1991

Susan (DeBoer) and Bob Engel '82 served for 25 years with World Impact. Susan received a Master's Degree in Oriental Medicine and is an acupuncturist in Morristown, N.J. Bob serves as National Church Plant Director with World Impact and The Urban Ministry Institute.

Joel Eisenbraun is serving at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring, Texas, in youth ministry and facility design. Joel completed a Master's Degree in Youth Ministry Leadership from Huntington University and continues to be passionate about youth development. He and his wife Amantha are the parents of Jacob (13) and Sara (9).

1995

Lisa (Gerwig) and Ron Wallman '94 live in Bargersville, Ind., with their four children Lexi (16), Austin (14), Lauren (10) and Kate (5). Lisa was recently hired as Assistant Manager at Bright Beginnings Daycare where she will be working with preschoolers.

1996

Dr. Nathan Lowe was inducted into the Mansfield Christian School's Hall of Fame in October 2016. He spent 15 years teaching, coaching and leading at West Noble High School in Ligonier, Ind., and four years as the principal and superintendent of The Crossing Educational Center. Nathan is now an Assistant Professor in the School of Educational Leadership at Indiana Wesleyan University and the Principal License Program Manager. He has a passion for missions and is a board member of World Gospel Mission. Nathan and his wife Anne are the parents of three children.

13 Greg Beeley and his wife Dorinda serve together at LightSys, a missions group that Greg co-founded with **Tim Young '94** in 1999. Greg serves as CEO, and LightSys supports the work of missions worldwide, specifically in the area of information technology. They've been blessed by their relationship with Taylor's Computer Science & Engineering Department and Center for Missions Computing. Additionally, **Kurt Symanzik ('87)** and **Michael Hart** are team members. The Beeleys are parents to three young boys, Jonathan, Benaiah and Nathaniel.

Matt Winfrey recently transitioned from active duty to the US Air Force Reserve to accept an appointment as a Federal Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration. This transition brought Matt and his wife Jeanine, along with their boys, Ben and Peter, to Columbus, Ohio. This will be the first time in 15 years that they will be living in one location for more than a couple of years. They hope to be able to establish deep, meaningful relationships as they live the Christian life in community. Matt was thrilled to reconnect with friends from Taylor at the Class of 1996 reunion at Homecoming and Family Weekend.

1997

Becky (Loutrel) Nwankwo and her husband Donald have relocated to Gurnee, Ill. They, along with their children, Rhodes, Knowles and Rhyze, enjoy serving in the Anglican Church in Lake County, Ill., as well as participating in Classical Conversations.

14 Melissa Pawley married Joel Vaught on June 18, 2016, in Indianapolis, Ind., where they continue to live and work. They were thrilled to be surrounded by family and friends, including Taylor graduates **Eric Pawley '95, Mark '96 and Keri (Quick) Kornleson, Christine (Hickok '96) Sprecher, Kelli (Romine) Childs and Summer Black.**

1998

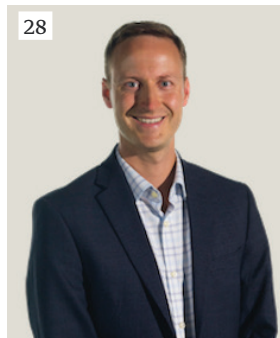
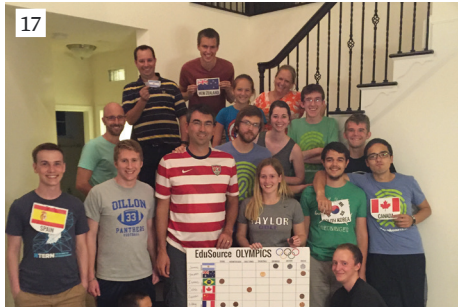
15 Nate Grubaugh and his wife Christie live in Livonia, Mich. They have three children, Shepherd (2), Joshua (8) and Amaris (10). Nate is Dean of Students at Detroit Country Day Middle School.

1999

16 Regan (Beck) Stuckey, Renee (Williford) Caiola and Julie (Ostrogna) Ray met for a weekend reunion on October 1, 2016, in Michigan City, Ind. It was the first time they had been together in 17 years. They had a terrific time catching up on work, ministry opportunities and family life. They also enjoyed swapping humorous stories about the seven children with whom the Lord has blessed them.

Tim Toll is a systems engineer at Credit Suisse, just outside Raleigh, N.C. He spent a decade in California working for DreamWorks Animation.

Jon and Jamie (Warrick) Willey along with sons, David (9) and Michael (6), live in Broward County, Fla., where Jamie serves in youth ministry and Jon is the Director of Video and Photography for the Miami Dolphins.



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2000

17 Jason and Kendra (Lightfoot) Beutler own a custom software business, EduSource, which is based in Indianapolis. EduSource exists as an alternative to outsourcing software overseas. There are 10 current Taylor students working for EduSource full-time in the summer and part-time during the school year. The full-time staff of 16 is composed of 10 Taylor alumni, including six 2016 graduates.

18 Some alumni gathered this past spring for a Taylor/Bergwall reunion. **David Kaufman, Chris Masek, Craig Childs '02, Mike Theis '02, Adam Gee '01, Bob Bryant '02, Tommy Morelock '02, Ben Wickstra '03, Derek Rust '01, Justin Michels '01, Wes Covert, Phil Johnson, and Chris Mitchell.**

Gary and Lee Anne (Rousseau) Gogis live in the Indianapolis area with their children Brayden (13) and Brianna (10), where Gary runs Gogis Design and Lee Anne works at St. Francis Hospital as an RN in oncology. Brayden has developed two video game style apps, Phose (a Christian-inspired platform) and Dot Worlds, which are both available free in the Apple app store.

2001

19 Jason Aquila and his wife Angie welcomed their son Isaac Samuel on October 3, 2015. They live in South Bend, Ind.

2002

20 Geoff Hoffmann and his wife Lydia welcomed their son, Braden Guang-En Hoffmann, on December 29, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. They chose the name Braden because it has a similar meaning to his Chinese name (Guang-En), which means "vast grace." They praise God for this wonderful New Year's blessing.

2003

21 Danielle (Rosenow) Nelson and her husband Stacy welcomed their second child, Jeremiah, on March 15, 2016. He joins his older brother, Samuel.

22 Christy (Wong) Stroud and husband Gerald welcomed their second son, Zephaniah Matthew Stroud, on August 28, 2016. Big brother Jaylen is excited to have a new baby in the family. They live in Grayslake, Ill.

Jeni (Toll) Riley and her husband Andrew are living in Warsaw, Ind., where Jeni is a social worker and director of hospice at Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice. Their daughter Alaina started kindergarten this year.

2004

George Georgopoulos started his own State Farm Insurance Agency in 2010 and is now busy leading seminars for insurance agents. George married his wife Carla in 2014; she serves as owner and president of their software company. They are parents to a one-year-old son, Demo, and have another child on the way.

23 Becky (George) Beasley, her husband Kemper, and their son Kemp, announce the birth of their daughter and sister Mallye Helen on May 11, 2016. The family lives in Buckingham, Va.

2006

Joshua Edgerton recently completed the Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Phoenix. He is now part of the surgical team at Rutherford Regional Health System in N.C.

24 Justin and Megan (Skwarcian '05) Herald welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte, in August 2015. She joins siblings Riley, Landon and Ava.

25 Abigail (Crenshaw '06) Eades and her husband Chad welcomed their daughter Savannah Jeanine on July 21, 2016. The family resides in Berea, Ky.

2008

26 Chris and Hannah (Baur '09) Jetter welcomed their fourth son, Walker Tuck, in September 2016. Walker joins brothers Paxson (6), Boden (4) and Lincoln (2). They live in Anchorage, Alaska, where Chris has begun his career in podiatric surgery.

Mark Heydlauff recently finished his first year as City Manager for Charlevoix, Mich., a resort community on Lake Michigan.

2009

Jeffrey Mudge is the Digital Initiative Coordinator at Wheaton College's Buswell Memorial Library. In addition to his degree from Taylor, he earned a Master's Degree from Indiana University.

2010

27 Brad and Hillary (Winship) King, along with their son Shane (4) and daughter Audrey (2), welcomed their daughter and sister, Emmalyn Violet, into the family on August 23, 2016. They reside in Indianapolis.

28 Josh Sipe has been named senior associate at True North Strategic Advisors, LLC. In addition to his MBA from Taylor, he holds a Bachelor's in Finance from Ball State University, and is Chartered Financial Analyst. Before joining True North, Josh spent 10 years in the banking and financial services industry where he led corporate financial analysis and risk management functions, and provided advisory, trust and estate planning services for private clients.

Curt Merlau received his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Indiana University, Bloomington, in December 2016. He has accepted a job as director of sales with the Sells Group in Indianapolis, Ind.

2011

29 Allison (Reece) Darling and her husband Brice welcomed a baby girl, Sawyer Leigh, into their family on April 19, 2016. They live in Seymour, Ind.

2012

30 Lindsey Hawkins married Adam Bruk in Milwaukee, Wisc. Lindsey is a staff attorney and development coordinator for LOTUS legal clinic, a nonprofit serving the legal needs of victims of human trafficking and other crimes. Three fellow 3CO wingmates participated in the wedding. Pictured left to right: **Abbey Walker, Lindsay (Hawkins) Bruk, Meggie (Calderhead) Kingsley and Natalie Puls.** Other Taylor attendees were **Jordan '06 and Rebecca (Beeh '07) Hawkins, Rachel (Beeh) McHale and Ellie (Hawkins '10) Skorczewski.** They live in Milwaukee.

31 Daniel and Jaime (Schrader '13) Hughes recently welcomed their second baby, Antoinette Fay. She is a rainbow baby (born after two miscarriages), and joins her two-year-old brother, Jude Michael.

32 Elizabeth (Libby) Trudeau married Caleb Anderson on June 19, 2016. Several Taylor Alumni as well as Libby's three sisters were in the wedding party and included **Julie Hogan Avila '11, Katelin Jones '11, Rachel McGrath Castro, Maddy Trudeau '15, Gabby Trudeau '17 and Kitty Trudeau '20.** The couple resides in South Bend, Ind.

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2014

33 Sam Wright married Erin Cagle on June 18, 2016, at Northstar Church in Knoxville, Tenn. Their wedding was attended by many Taylor alumni and their wedding party included: **Colin Akard, Blake Andersen, Kaleb Davis, Elizabeth (Frederick) Davis, Matthew Fox, Nate Hunt, Derek Sanson '15, Hannah (Dissinger '17) Sanson, Anna Tragesser '13, Tom Weingartner** and **Matthew Walters**. The couple met while serving as interns at Horn Creek Camp in Westcliffe, Colo., from 2014 to 2015. They live in Knoxville, where Sam serves on staff at Emerald Youth Foundation, an inner-city youth ministry, as a maintenance technician, and Erin serves as registrar at Emerald Academy.

2015

34 Alex Schmucker and **Jenny Valkier** were married on July 2, 2016. The wedding party included **Jessica (Brooks '11) Schmucker, Laura Schmucker '11, Molly King '14, Camila Chiang '16, Kayleigh Sisson, Anna Shaum, Ryan Schmucker '08, Will Severns, Matt Rossi, Nate Scheibe, Andrew Whitworth, Davis Meadors '16, Dan Clemens** and **Andrew Brill**. They are both in graduate school at Wright State University.

2016

35 Taylor Degenkolb married Jacob Dye in Kokomo, Ind., on July 1, 2016. The bridal party included Taylor alumni **Morgan Riessen, Emma Brattain, Haley White** and **Erinn Behn '15**. **Sara Waid** read Scripture during the ceremony. The couple is residing in Indianapolis where Jake is working as an engineer and Taylor is studying Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis.

IN MEMORIAM

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." —Matthew 25:34

We remember these members of the Taylor community who have gone to be with the Lord.

1943

Joyce (Moye) Spitnale passed away on July 21, 2016, at the age of 95. She married **Rev. Howard Spitnale '42** in July 1942, and he preceded her in death in 2007. Joyce held a variety of jobs, including teacher and education assistant at several churches, and served for 18 years as the activity coordinator at the former Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community in Lebanon, Ohio. She was a member of Otterbein Lebanon United Methodist Church and was active in United Methodist Women, holding local, district and conference offices. Joyce loved music and was involved in vocal and bell choirs. She loved to travel and visited several countries. Joyce is survived by her son and daughter, along with four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and two step-great grandchildren.

1961

36 Bruce Brenneman died on August 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife Geraldine and their children and grandchildren. After graduating with his Master's Degree from Wesleyan University in Conn., he began his teaching career at Fillmore Central School teaching junior high English. From 1961 to 2008, Bruce directed more than one hundred plays and musicals. He also directed summer community theater in the 1980s. In 1982, he was employed by Houghton College as Director of Conferences and Special Programs, where he taught drama and directed plays and musicals. He became an English professor in 1998 and taught freshman English until his retirement in 2008. Bruce was a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church for 56 years, serving on the Board of Elders and Trustees and being the communion steward for 35 years.

1962

37 Thomas Housley passed away on December 30, 2016. He earned his Doctorate in Plant Physiology and worked as a professor of Agronomy at Purdue University for 35 years. Thomas held many positions at Purdue including professor, teacher, counselor, mentor, coach and advisor. He was also an elder and deacon at Faith Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, their two sons and their families.

1964

Rev. Garry O. Parker went to be with the Lord on December 17, 2016, in Easton, Md. He was 74. Garry was called by God at Taylor's Youth Conference in 1956, and as a student, he dedicated his summers to international missions with Operation Mobilization. He later attended Asbury Seminary, where he met the love of his life, Sarah. They served as missionaries in Indonesia and El Salvador with OMS International, pastored churches in five states, and ministered and preached in 30 countries. Garry's doctoral studies in missiology at Princeton Seminary focused on Taylor's namesake, Bishop William Taylor. He retired from the United Methodist church in 2003 after 35 years of service. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Sarah, daughters **Beth Parker-Sloat '91 (Kevin '90)** and Becky (Cecil) Bishoff, and three grandchildren.

1974

38 Rita Zerbe passed away peacefully on November 23, 2016, after a "beautiful fight" with ALS. Rita was artistically creative in nearly everything she did. She owned and operated a full-scale wedding planning business from her home. She was also an art teacher. Her true passion was being a loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She and husband of 44 years, **Dr. Steve Zerbe**, were not only a happily married couple, but a true team as together they served nine churches in California, Michigan and Indiana. She was a member of the Journey Church in Caledonia, Mich., and she enjoyed gardening, flowers, art and sharing her talents with her grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Rita is survived by two daughters, Allison (Ben) Davis and Erica (Jon) Allen, as well as her grandchildren and other family members.

1982

39 Wesley D. Mills went to be with the Lord on September 28, 2016. Wes' lifelong friend and wife of 34 years, **Lisa (Stentz)**, shared his love of life, music and friendship. After marriage in 1982, they lived in Indianapolis where Wes attended Indiana University School of Dentistry, obtaining a Doctorate of Dental Science in 1986. They then moved to Kennebunk, Maine, where in 2016 Wes marked 30 years of practicing excellence in dentistry. Wes is survived by his wife, parents, children, brothers and a multitude of family and friends.

1995

40 Herb Harjes died on August 3, 2016, after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. After his graduation from Taylor, he worked at Taylor for two years before moving to Utah and later to Denver, Colorado. Herb contracted with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Connecticut. Herb is remembered by his loved ones and friends for his spontaneous, joyful spirit. Herb was preceded in death by his mother and is survived by his wife Cara, daughters Addie and Elsie, father and stepmother Herb and Claudia Harjes, and other family members.

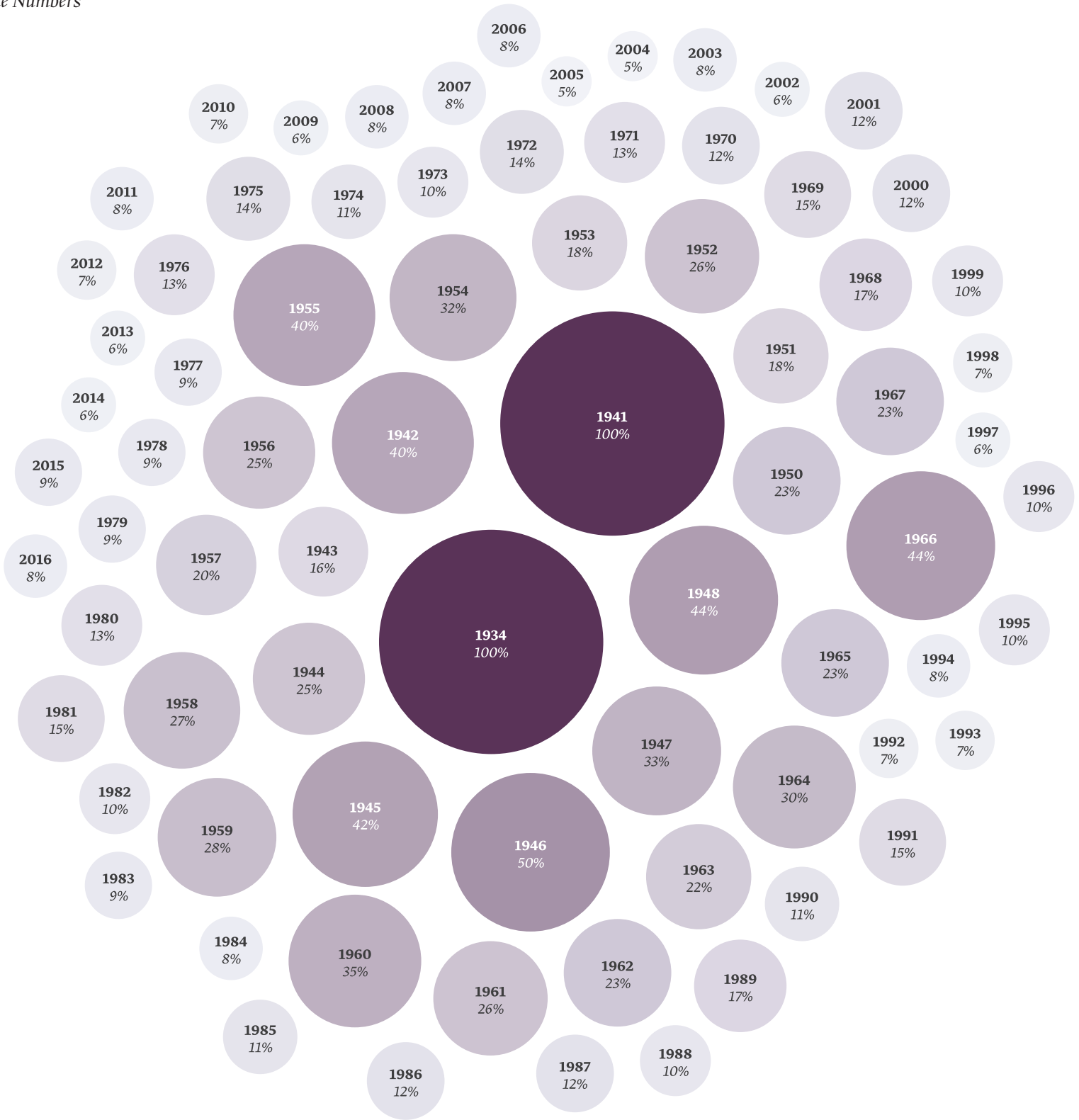
2005

41 Ross Ringenberg died peacefully on December 6, 2016, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was traveling with friends when he became ill. Despite increasing physical disability, Ross loved opportunities for adventure, learning and meeting people. Ross is survived by his parents **Ron '77 & Frances (Valberg '78) Ringenberg**, brother **Joe (Rachael Cusack '07) Ringenberg '06** and nieces Lux, Joan Bea and Alma Ringenberg, as well as his grandfather **Ralph Ringenberg '52**. Ross made lifelong friends at every stage of his journey and is remembered by a wide circle of loved ones and friends.

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

By the Numbers

Why is your alumni participation so important? It is one of the best ways to show to those who have not yet directly experienced Taylor - like prospective students and their families, foundations, institutions like *U.S. News & World Report*, and a watching world - that alumni stand behind the university in prayer, in service, and with their support. *Every gift* is an encouragement to faculty and staff - and makes an important statement to others. And, every dollar is carefully invested in a promising student who might not otherwise be able to experience Taylor University.



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www.taylor.edu/alumni.



OLD FRIENDS

Josephine Miller (left) and Bonnie Odle reminisce during Miller's 100th birthday celebration at the Hodson Dining Commons last fall. Miller was a longtime member of the Taylor staff, and Odle's husband was the legendary Taylor basketball coach Don Odle. Several times a week, Miller and one or two of her sons can be seen walking on the track at the Kesler Student Activities Center (KSAC).



RECOGNIZING THE IMAGE OF GOD

Many of us in the Taylor community and beyond have watched with prayerful concern the unfolding events that have led to the Syrian refugee crisis, and the perils the men, women and children from that strife-torn nation have faced while seeking sanctuary in nations around the world. This crisis became even more real to my wife Sherry (Korfmacher '76) and me in January when she and a team of Taylor faculty and students spent three weeks on the Island of Lesbos in Greece, where they worked with hundreds of these refugees.

As with many other issues facing our country, we as Christ's followers all acknowledge that this crisis requires a prayerful response that is characterized by Christ-likeness and love. However, we often disagree in regards to the specific form that response should take. Whether one believes there is only one truly Christian response to the Syrian refugee crisis or not, the fact is, Taylor community members and friends are on different sides of many of these issues. Make no mistake – each of us loves the Lord and seeks to do His will, and we are all concerned about the plight of the Syrian refugees. But we have differing opinions of how best to address it.

Providentially, the theme of this year's Taylor chapel series is "Convicted Civility." As Christ's followers, one of our greatest challenges is being true to our convictions and avoiding the temptation to demonize those with whom we disagree. Indeed, we must be known by our love. For that reason, I invite every member of the Taylor community to pursue that path of action in which they sense God's calling, and to do so prayerfully, and in ways that honor Him. And I also invite you, as brothers and sisters in the faith, to recognize the Image of God in all whom we encounter, whether we agree with them on the best way to address the refugee crisis or any of the other issues facing our nation.

Recognizing recent news developments involving the federal government, immigration and international travel, Taylor University will stand with, and in support of, our international students who have entrusted us with their educations. The wellbeing of each of these women and men, and their ability to pursue their education at Taylor, is an institutional priority.

Additionally, members of our Taylor community will prayerfully continue to heed the Lord's call to action. For some, that action takes the form of advocacy. For others, that action includes travel to places like Greece, where our Taylor community members have toiled to mitigate the burden of Syrian refugees; to the Russian far east, where students and faculty have been the hands and feet of Christ for abandoned babies in Russian orphanages; and to Central America, where we have dug wells for people who previously had no access to clean water. Additionally, our community members have traveled to places in the United States such as New York in the aftermath of 9/11, the Mississippi gulf coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and nearby Marion, Ind., where we have ministered to and been blessed by our neighbors.

Thank you to each of you for your passion and love of Christ and those created in His image. May we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ to this world in desperate need.



Lowell



Paul Lowell Haines '75
President of Taylor University



Our life has been very blessed through our association with Taylor University. The relationship began when our oldest son Craig '03 transferred to Taylor in the middle of his sophomore year. Due largely to his great experience at TU, his three younger siblings followed him there: Cameron '06, Darcy '09 and Tim '15.

As parents, we watched all four of our kids flourish in the Taylor environment through academics, fellowship, and most importantly in their spiritual growth. Even in our retirement, we have been thankful to be able to continue to support Taylor through annual gifts of stock that we designate for scholarships for students in need.

Keith and Elaine Miller



Giving With Stock: Make the Most of Your Assets

While every gift to Taylor makes a difference in the lives of students, some gifts are more tax advantaged than others. Appreciated assets given directly to Taylor University provide a fair-market value income tax deduction, and since they are given to a public charity, are not subject to capital gains tax. Many Taylor alumni and friends have found gifts of publicly traded stock and real estate can have a great impact.

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HOPE

Congratulations to Taylor's men's basketball team! The Trojans earned their first NAIA Division II national tournament bid in 11 years after winning 20 games during the 2016-2017 season.

